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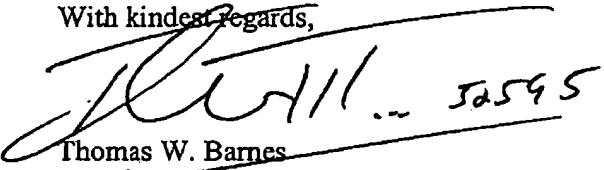
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With kindest regards,


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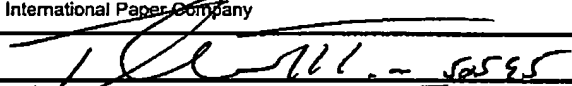
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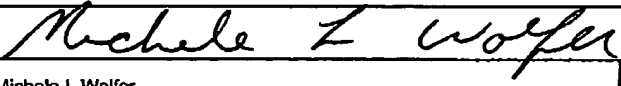
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 24, 2004, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-19 and 22; drawn to an apparatus for stretch wrapping, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-19 and 22; drawn to an apparatus for stretch wrapping; and

Group II: Claims 20-21 and 23, drawn to a process for stretch wrapping.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-19 and 22; drawn to an apparatus for stretch wrapping, for further prosecution.

In regard to Groups II and I, the Office has characterized the relationship between these two groups as process and apparatus for its practice. Citing MPEP §806.05(e), the Office suggests that the process as claimed "can be performed without the means for pushing the article through the initial wrap". However, the Office has failed to show that such "means for pushing the article through the initial wrap" could be incorporated into an apparatus. Even if the Office has shown how such "means for pushing the article through the initial wrap" could be incorporated into an apparatus, the Office has failed to demonstrate how such an apparatus is materially different than the claimed apparatus. Thus, the Office has merely stated a conclusion absent any evidence or reasoning for such a conclusion.

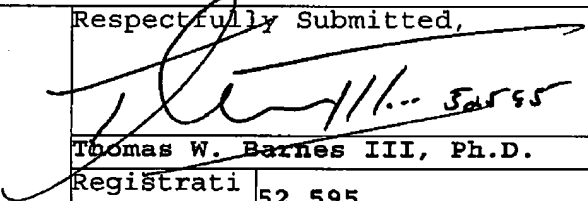
Applicants further traverse the Restriction Requirement on the additional ground that a search of all the claims would not impose a serious burden on the Office. The MPEP in §803 states as follows:

"If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without a serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions."

Applicants respectfully submit that a search of all the claims would not impose a serious burden on the Office.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants contend that the Restriction Requirement is improper and should be withdrawn. If, however, the Office maintains such Restriction, the Office is reminded that it should rejoin the non-elected process claims if it should find that the apparatus claims are allowable.

Applicants further submit that this application is in condition for examination on the merits and an early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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